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CAN ANYONE BEAT ALEGADO IN 6TH DISTRICT?

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THE Alegados and the Pepitos in Consolacion, Cebu are concentrating the delivery of basic services to the people without politicking because election in May 2022 is still too far away.

However, a stranger named Sonny Lagon suddenly came to Consolacion town, brandishing his wealth luring some barangay captains and political leaders.

Lagon is known to be a representative of Bisaya Ako Party-List, supposedly representing all people in the Visayas, if not the entire Cebu. But he reportedly spent his party-list funds primarily in Consolacion and Cordova allegedly because of his ambition to be the next congressman of Cebu's 6th District.

Consolacion Vice Mayor Teresa “Nene” Pepito Alegado and her people remain unfazed of Lagon's political intrusion even if he is from other places. For her, Lagon is nothing but an ambitious politician who wants the 6th district position at all cost.

In an interview with the famous Yagyagan program over DYRC and Cebu Busi-

ness Week, VM Alegado said she has no problem becoming the next congresswoman of Cebu's 6th District because if that is God's destiny for her, that really belongs to her regardless of whoever uses money to get it.

Alegado said the people of Consolacion know them from Adam and the same people do not even have an iota of knowledge where this foreigner came from.

It seems there are people who suddenly became interested after Mandaue City was separated from the 6th District and was declared a lone district by Congress (House of Representatives and the Senate) beginning 2022 election. Only Consolacion and Cordova towns remain in the 6th District.

But look carefully; so that you will agree with me that VM Alegado will surely be the next congresswoman of the 6th District come July 1, 2022.

VM Alegado's father was the Consolacion mayor during his prime time and he led the town with compassion, humbleness, and firm leadership.

When her father died, VM Alegado's brother, the late Emmanuel “Bebs” Pepito became the municipality's mayor. Pepito later became Cebu board member before he passed away.

When Bebs died, this energetic, innovative, and compassionate Nene Alegado became the town's councilor, then vice mayor, then mayor again for three terms, and now the incumbent vice mayor.

Despite several aggressive politicians, some of whom lived in other places and come home only during election time to challenge the Alegados, they always emerged victors.

In the May 2019 mid-term election, the opposing politicians who were tired of facing defeat in every electoral exercise, did not dare to challenge the Alegados. Hence, then Councilor Joanness “Joyjoy” Alegado, VM Alegado's son, ran for mayor unopposed, while Nene Alegado who was in her third term as mayor, slid down for the vice mayoralty seat unopposed.

Take note that only

Consolacion and Cordova remain in the 6th District come May 2022 election. The voters of Consolacion are more than 93,000 while that of Cordova is more than 30,000. So, do you think a foreigner can win over Alegado? I do not think so.

VM Alegado is known everywhere in the country as a servant leader who is willing to give her unqualified service to the people. This could be the reason why Nene Alegado is a political kingpin in her town and in her own right.

Since last year, VM Alegado is the

contact person of the officials of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) in the implementation of the new Cebu International Container Port (CICP) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the construction of at least three major roads that will connect it.

Consolacion town is also the recipient of a P60 million grant from abroad because Alegado was able to submit a six-year plan on climate change adaptation.



VICE MAYOR TERESA “NENE” PEPITO ALEGADO